

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PERFORMANCE OF BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the profit of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL) has been on the decline during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to augment the profit and improve the functioning of BSNL?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) No, Sir.

As per the audited accounts, details of the net profits earned by BSNL during the year 2002-03 to 2004-05 is as follows:

(I) Financial Year 2002-03 Rs.1444.44 crores

(II) Financial Year 2003-04 Rs.5976.52 crores

(III) Financial Year 2004-05 Rs.10183.29 crores

(c) BSNL is diversifying into new areas of business such as Broadband, ILD Business, Direct International Roaming and Turnkey contract for providing connectivity to the various enterprises. It has taken various measures towards providing customer friendly tariffs and services with the objective of increasing its turnover and profitability